

# **Duration Addition to electricitY Storage (DAYS)**

**The why and how of long-duration  
energy storage**



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# What's needed to enable LDES

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- ▶ Technology proven to be cheap and reliable
- ▶ Applications (duty cycles)
- ▶ Niche / entry markets
- ▶ Policy drivers

# Objectives of this meeting

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- ▶ Introduce the DAYS projects
- ▶ Learn what's happening from external stakeholders
- ▶ Discuss potential early applications and requirements
- ▶ Start building a LDES community

# Who's here: DAYS, IONICS awardees

## Thermal



## Electrochemical



## Mechanical



## IONICS



# Who's here: external stakeholders



**Solar Turbines**

*A Caterpillar Company*



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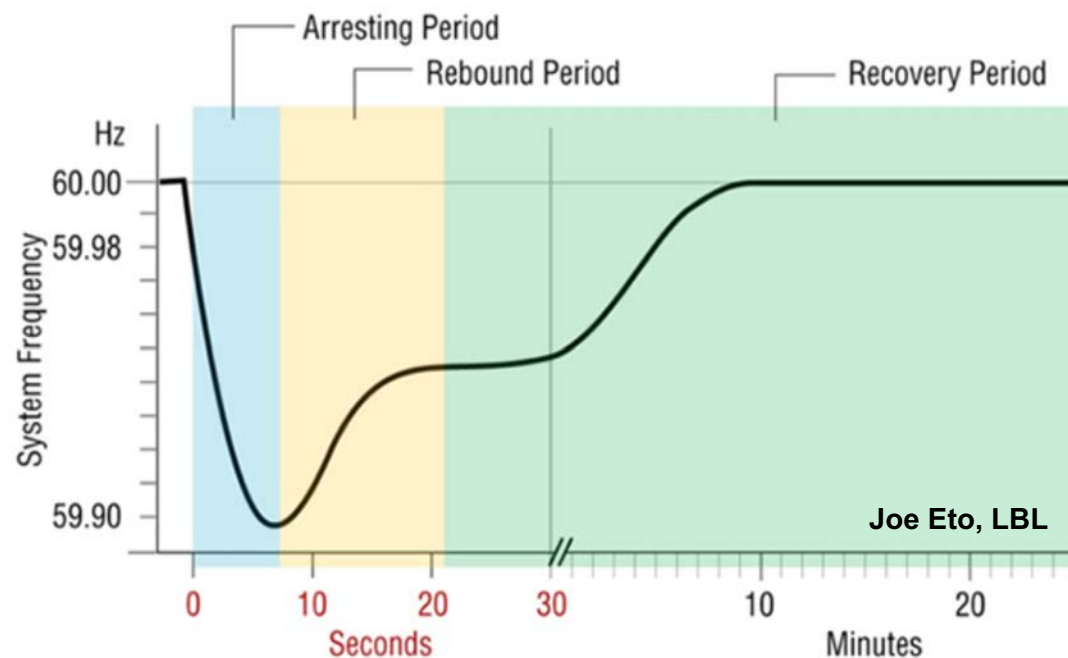
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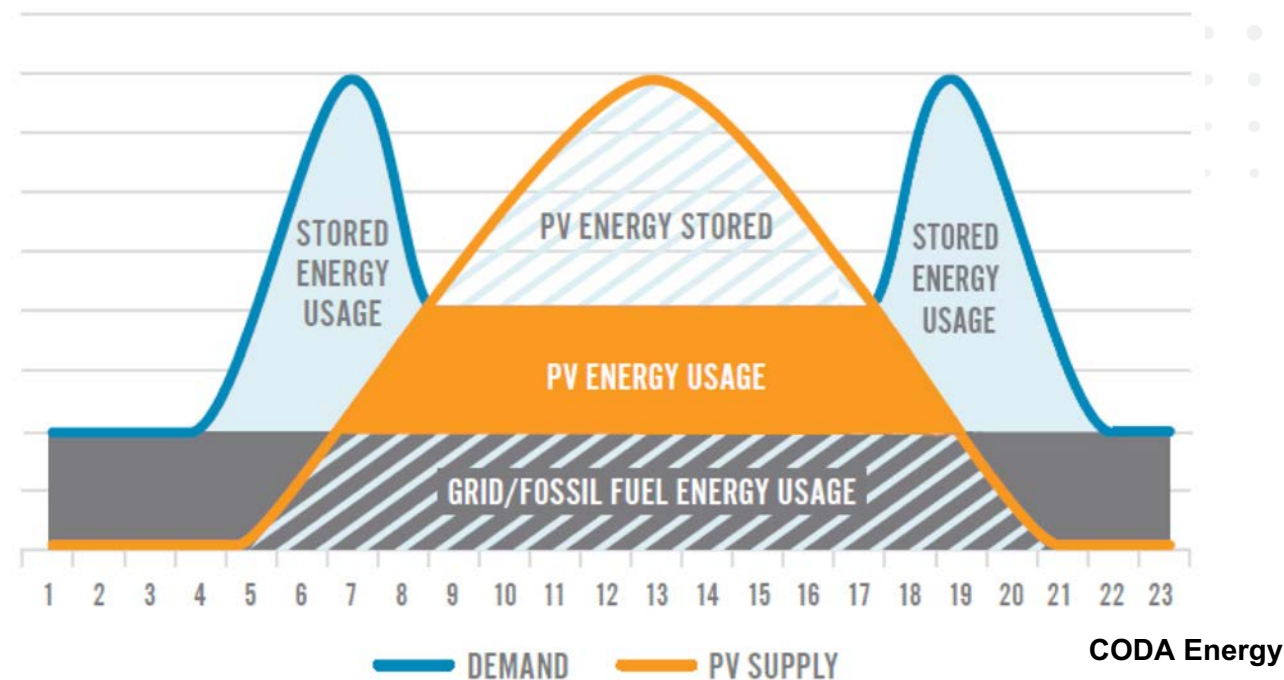
- ▶ A brief overview of DAYS
- ▶ Potential early applications

# Grid-Scale Storage Applications Today

## Frequency regulation



## Energy shifting



Examples of other applications:

Reserves

Distribution upgrade deferral

Power quality

Flexible ramping

Demand charge management

# Dispatching variable (and uncertain) renewables

What will it take...

To make the availability of this:



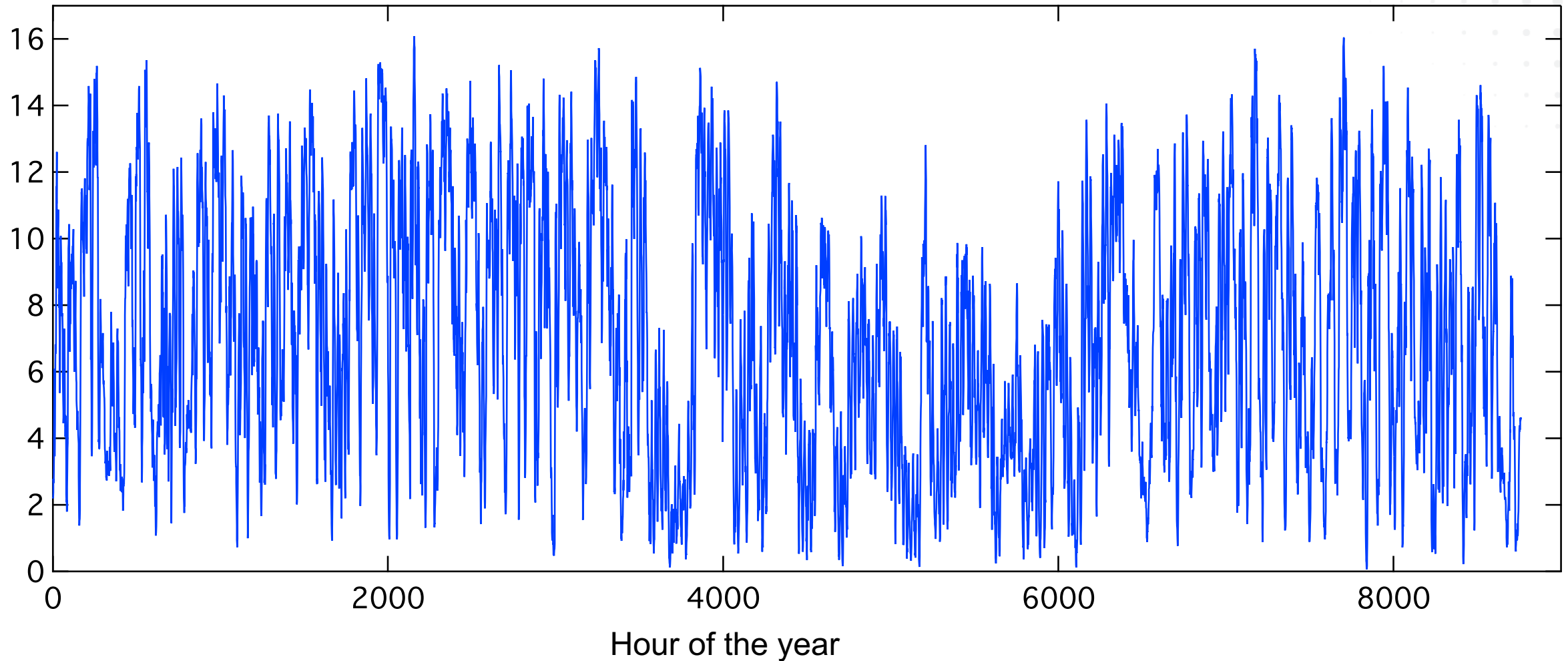
Look more like this:



# Example: variability of wind in Texas

2016 wind output in Texas (GW)

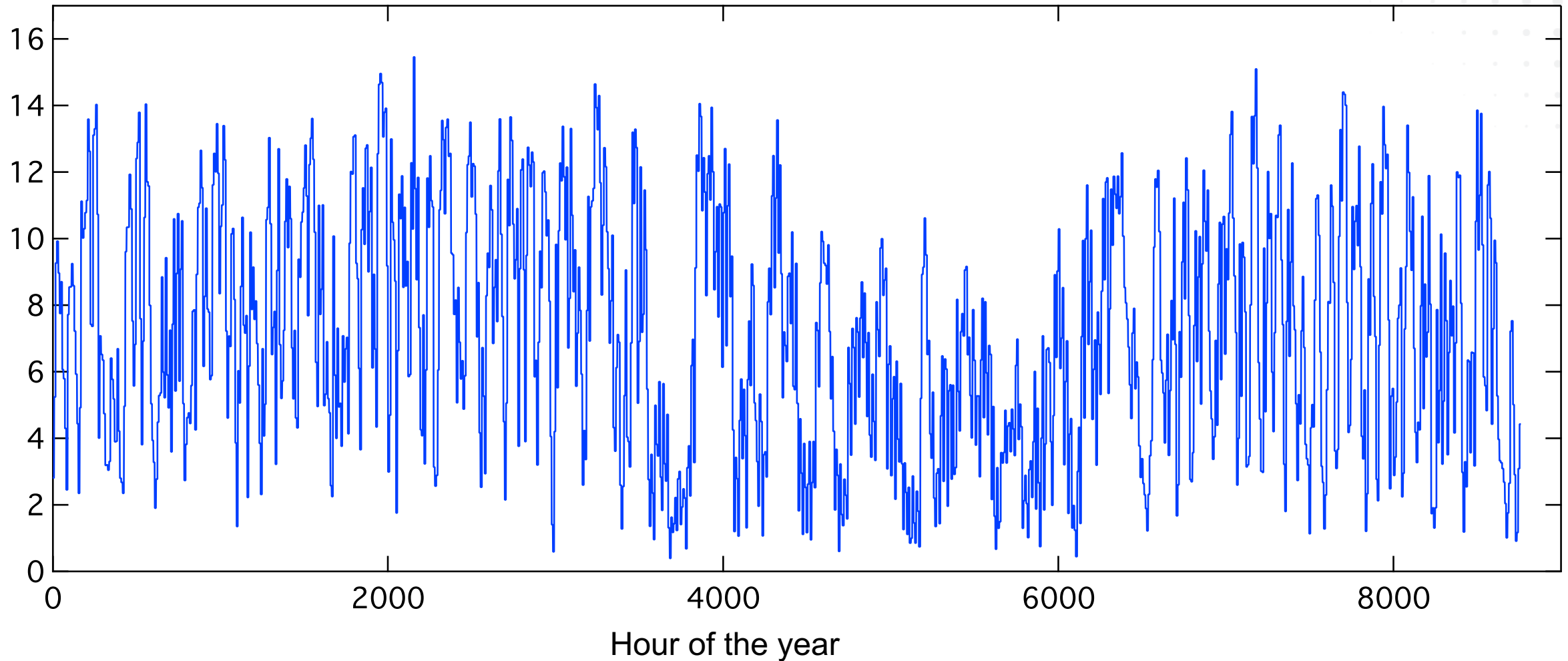
1-hour time blocks



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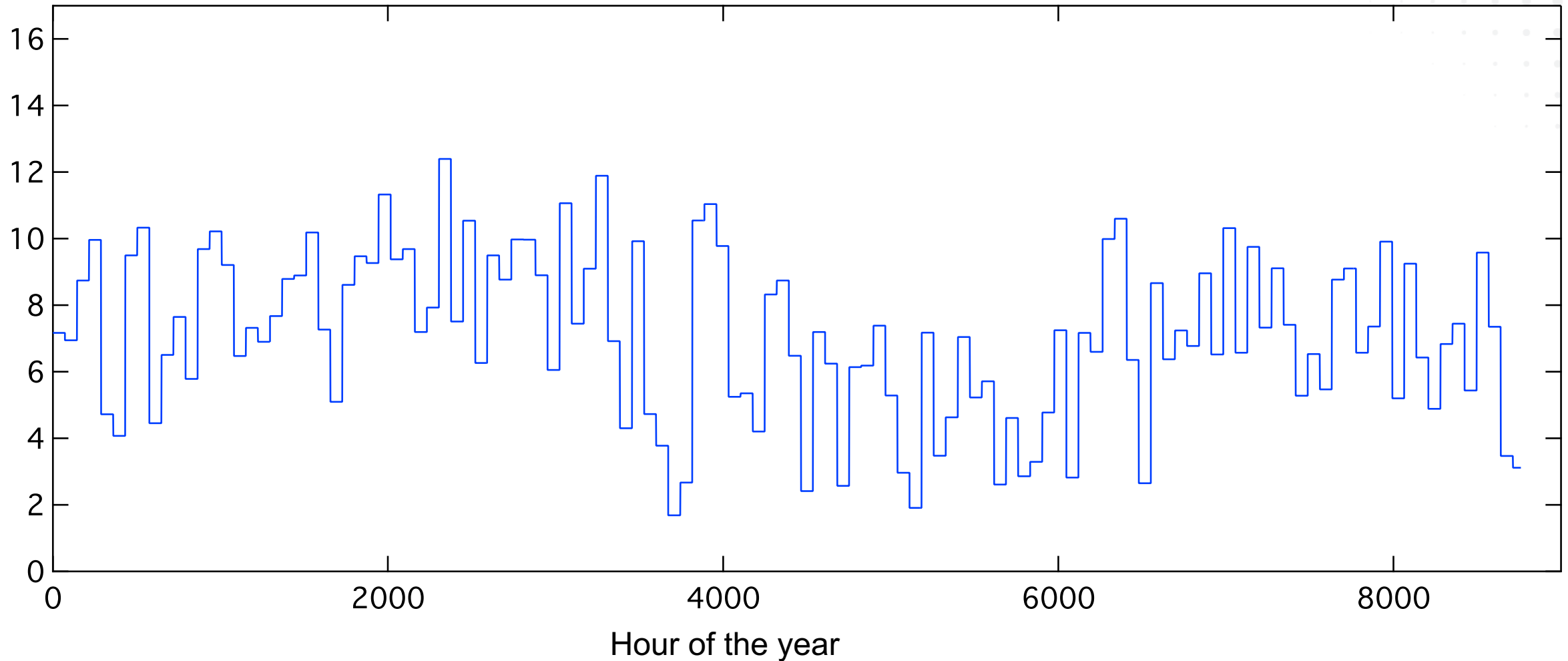
8-hour time blocks



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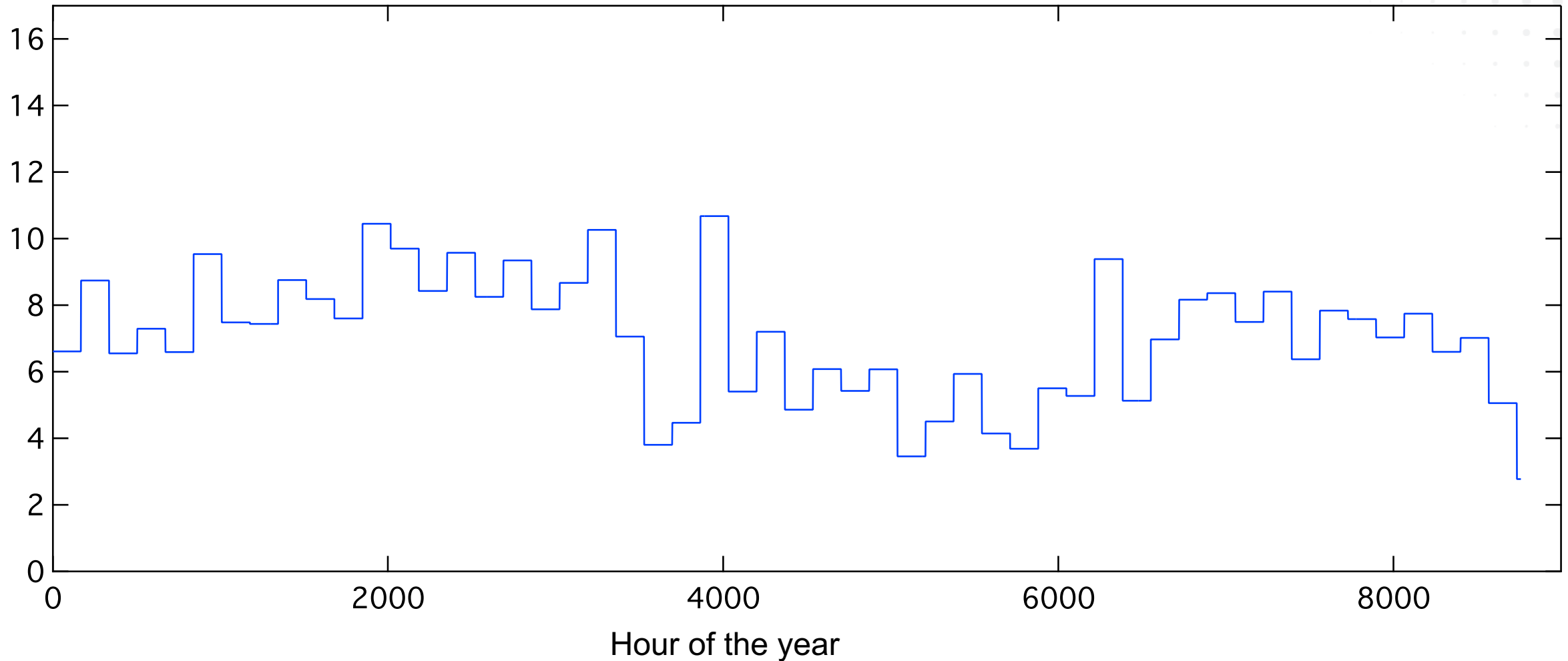
72-hour time blocks



# Example: variability of wind in Texas

2016 wind output in Texas (GW)

168-hour time blocks

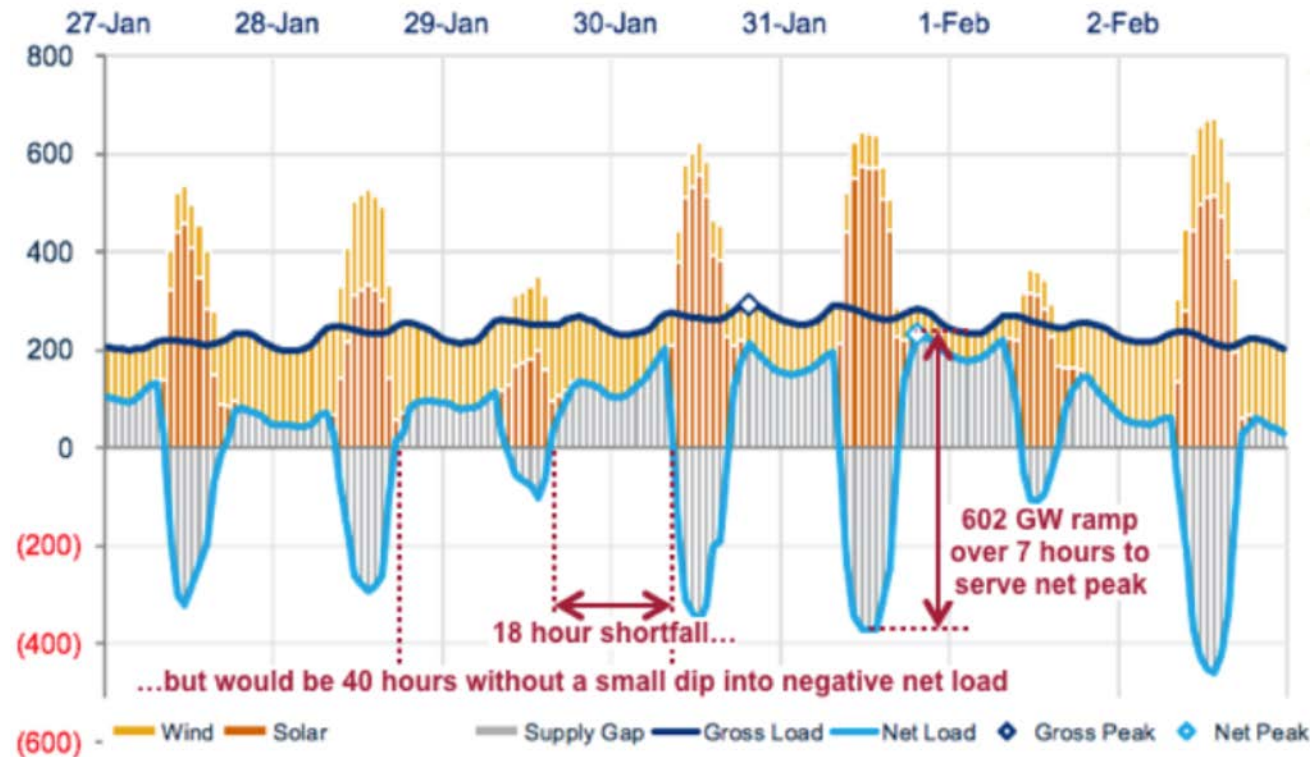


# Another viewpoint: integrating renewables with the grid

## Aggregate footprint at 50% wind & 50% solar

Load, generation, and imbalances (GW)

Peak (MW)			ICAP (MW)			Consecutive hours	
Gross Load	Net Load	Peak Reduction	Solar	Wind	Battery	(-) net load	(+) net load
292,559	231,549	61,010	575,190	193,722	277,858	9	18



- ▶ Wood Mackenzie report on 2019 polar vortex
- ▶ Examined grid conditions if capacity was 50% solar and 50% wind
- ▶ For solar to provide relief for low wind: 18-40 hours of storage

<https://pv-magazine-usa.com/2019/02/12/wood-mackenzie-looks-at-the-polar-vortex-and-100-renewable-energy/>

# Digging deeper: levelized cost of storage (LCOS)

$$LCOS(\$ \cdot kWh^{-1} \cdot cycle^{-1}) = \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\eta_{RTE}} - 1 \right) P_c \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{n_c(t)}{(1+r)^t} + \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{O\&M(t)}{(1+r)^t} + \left( \frac{C_E}{\eta_D} + \frac{C_P}{d} \right) \right] * \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{n_c(t)}{(1+r)^t} \right]^{-1}$$

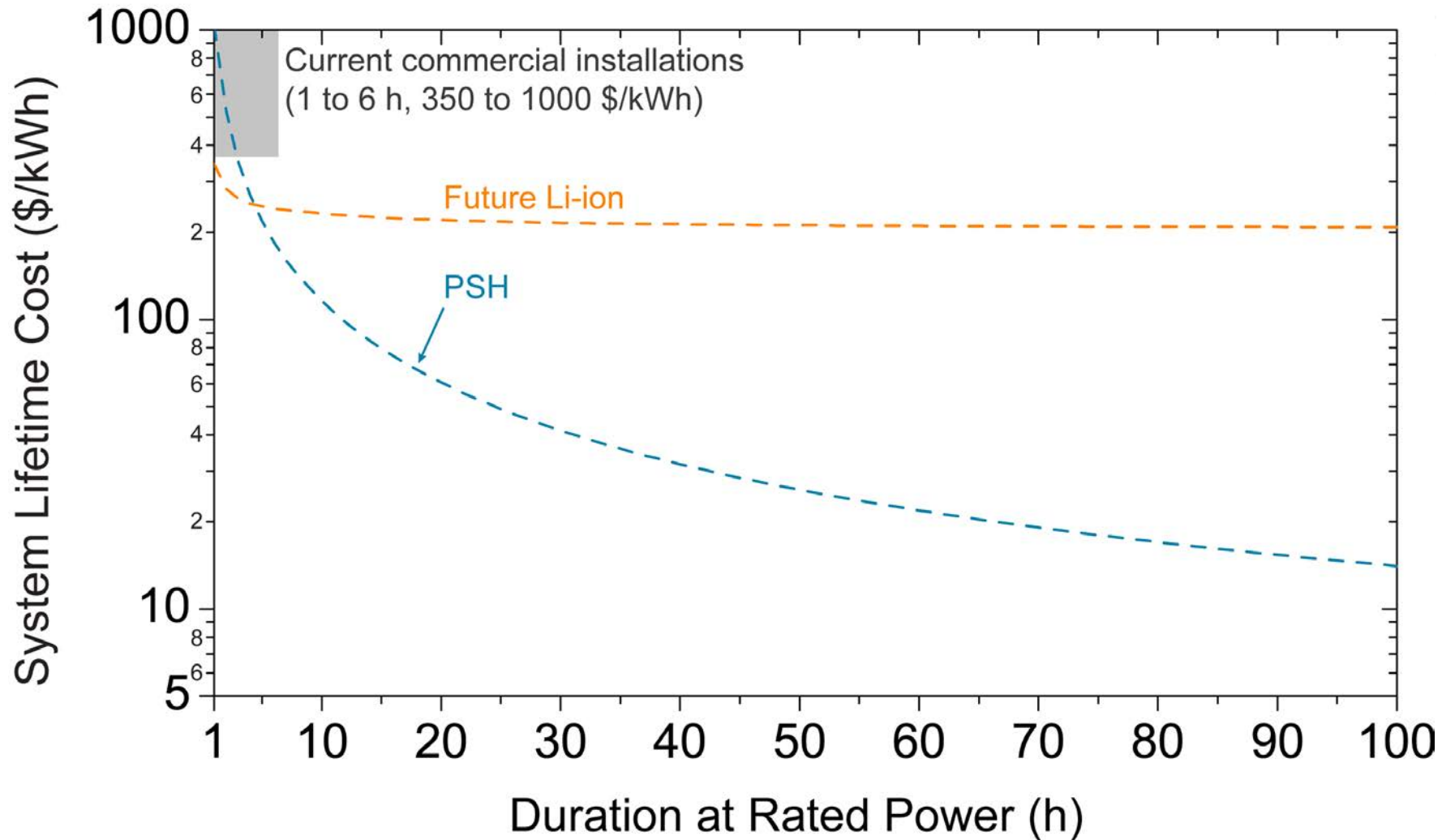
## Primarily application-dependent parameters

- $P_c$  – input electricity price in \$/kWh
- $d$  – duration of storage at rated power in hours
- $n_c$  – number of equivalent full cycles

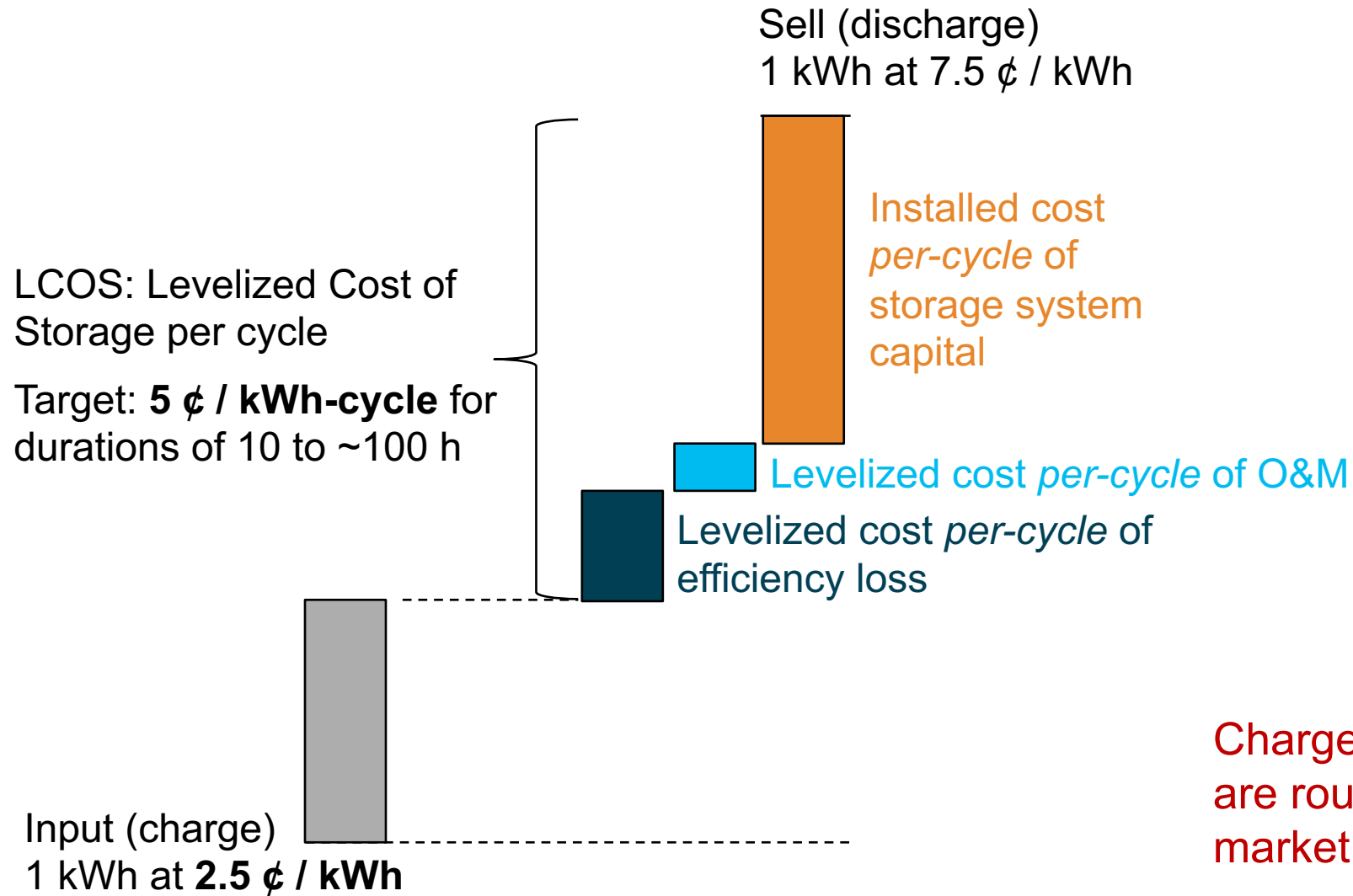
## Primarily technology-dependent parameters

- $\eta_{RTE}$  – round-trip efficiency of storage (AC basis)
- $\eta_D$  – discharge efficiency of storage (AC basis)
- $O\&M$  – fixed and variable operations and maintenance cost (including component replacements)
- $C_E$  – installed marginal capital cost of energy in \$/kWh
- $C_P$  – installed marginal capital cost of power in \$/kW

# Impact of capex for power and for energy

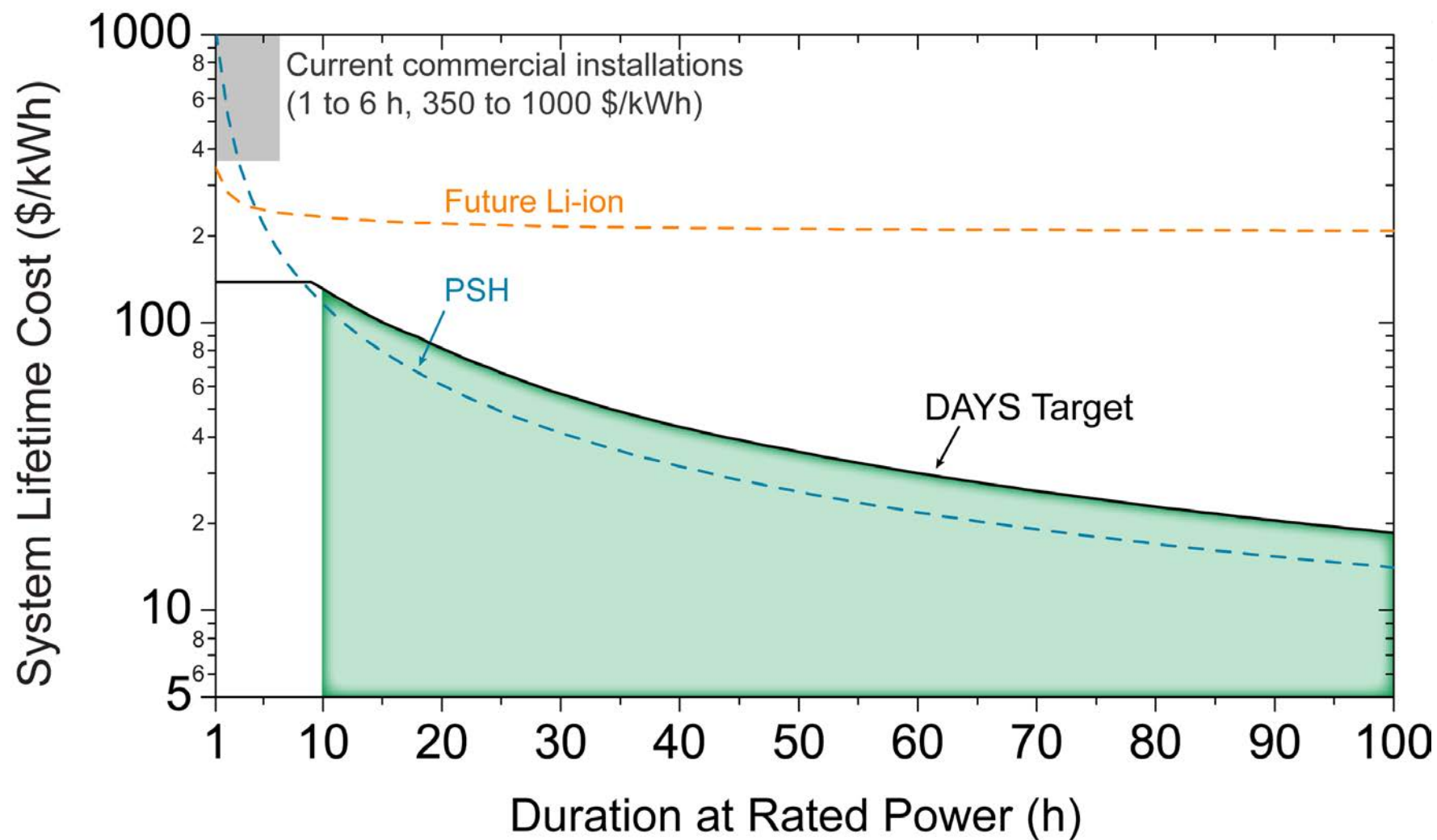


# The DAYS cost target



Charge/discharge prices are rough estimates; not market projections

# DAYS cost-duration target



# The DAYS innovations

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## Thermal

- ▶ Fluidized bed heat exchanger
- ▶ Thermochemical Mg-Mn-O bed
- ▶ Reversible turbomachine
- ▶ Full loop controls system
- ▶ Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> cycle

## Geomechanical

- ▶ Elastic strain in underground rocks

## Electrochemical

- ▶ Aqueous sulfur
- ▶ Zr-Br<sub>2</sub> membrane-less, single tank
- ▶ Reversible fuel cell for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- ▶ Sulfur-manganese flow battery

## Thermophotovoltaic

- ▶ High efficiency, stable over time

# Outline

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- ▶ A brief overview of DAYS
- ▶ **Potential early applications**

# Islands and remote areas

## Alaska Microgrids powered in part or wholly through renewable energy.

<http://acep.uaf.edu/media/158027/Microgrids-6-26-15.pdf>



- ▶ No contiguous grid
- ▶ Rural electricity: \$0.60-\$1.20/kWh
- ▶ Lots of renewable resources, including RoR hydro and pumped hydro
- ▶ Large seasonal variations
- ▶ Consisting diesel genset alternatives

# Transmission and distribution projects



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- ▶ Utilities pursuing “non-wires” deferral projects
- ▶ Current RFP for Orange & Rockland Utilities
  - System reliability and load relief
  - 17 MW of load relief for 24 hours
  - Traditional solution: upgrade to two 35 MVA transformers

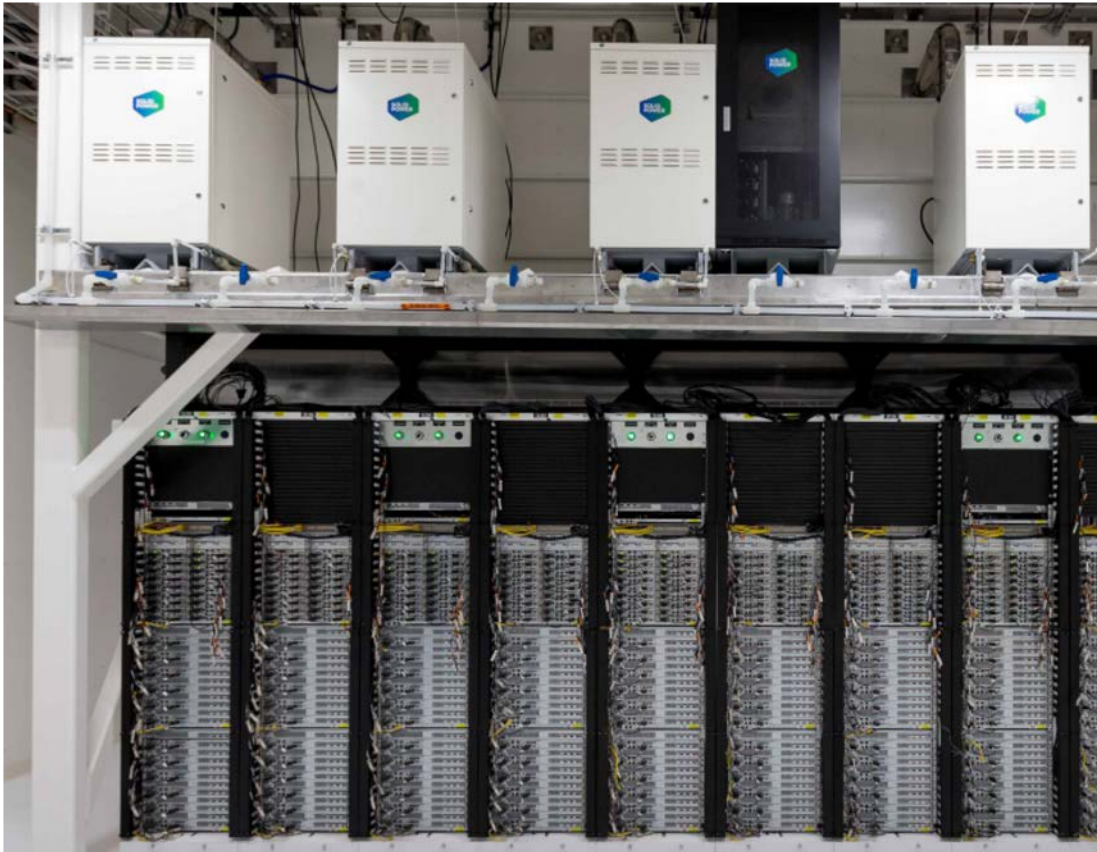
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**Brattle: Electrification could drive \$600B in transmission spending by 2050**

# Data centers, critical infrastructure

Synergy Research, 2017



- ▶ Data traffic is doubling every 2-3 years
- ▶ Data centers today consume 200 TWh worldwide
- ▶ By 2030: 8% of global electricity demand
- ▶ 45% of data centers are in the U.S.
- ▶ Backup power now: uninterruptible power supply, diesel generators

Could long-duration storage replace diesel gensets at critical sites such as data centers?

# Thinking about duty cycles

Y. Shi, et al., *IEEE Trans. Power Sys.* 33, 2882-2894 (2017)

## How Big Batteries at Data Centers Could Replace Power Plants

Battery systems intended as backups may help companies like Microsoft increasingly employ renewable energy

By Benjamin Storrow, E&E News on July 19, 2018

- ▶ Univ. of WA study: 11% decrease in annual energy bill from peak shaving
- ▶ Additional revenue from frequency regulation
- ▶ Microsoft: worked with PJM and Eaton on frequency regulation with a data center

What's the duty cycle for a long-duration system?

# Long-duration storage is an enabling technology



## Moving toward 24x7 Carbon-Free Energy at Google Data Centers: Progress and Insights

2. **A diverse portfolio of carbon-free energy sources — whether variable or dispatchable — can have a greater impact than a single variable source.** In the absence of long-duration energy storage, a single source of renewable energy is generally not sufficient to provide a 24x7, 100% match with a data center's load.

# Summary

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- ▶ The onus right now is on the technology community (us)
- ▶ There are entry markets
- ▶ Longer-term picture: unclear, but policy will follow technology

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## The Brains Behind DAYS

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